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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 2 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 25 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b or a) as being anticipated by anyone of Fishbein et al. US 4,078,324 or Albanese et al. US 4,241,347, Gottwald et al. US 2002/0130810 or Isaji US 2003/0117313. Fishbein teaches a method for reducing the interfering effect of a radar transmitter occupying a nominal frequency bandwidth (FM signal) into an other operating band (noises, interference, etc.), where said other operating band is spaced from said nominal frequency bandwidth by a third frequency band, said method comprising the steps of: generating at said radar transmitter a constant-amplitude pulse centered at a frequency within said nominal frequency bandwidth of said radar and having a nominal bandwidth which lies within said nominal frequency bandwidth, and which also has an actual bandwidth which extends into the other operating band (inherent); applying phase perturbations (pseudorandom-see abstract) to said constant-amplitude pulse so as to produce a phase-perturbed constant-amplitude pulse centered at said frequency within said nominal frequency bandwidth of said radar with reduced amplitude of that portion of said actual bandwidth of said constant-amplitude pulse which lies within said other operating band; and transmitting said phase-perturbed constant-amplitude pulse toward a radar target (see Abstract, col. 1 lines 16-45, col. 2 lines 38-

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48. Albanese teaches a similar system with improved range discrimination and improved immunity to clutter chaff, jamming and multiple target environments, including varying or perturbing the phase of the signal to null the unwanted signals (see Abstract, col. 2 lines 24-37). Gottwald teaches a method of interference suppression in a radar device by changing the carrier signal by phase modulation which reads on applying phase perturbation to the pulse (see Abstract, and par. [0021]). Isaji teaches a radar device which changes the phase of the signal to suppress interference from other unwanted signals (see Abstract, figure 1, and par. [0048]).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The prior art cited to (Rose; Olsson; and Thue) teaches various radar systems which eliminate interference by perturbing (changing) the phase of the transmitted signal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isam A Alsomiri whose telephone number is 703-305-5702. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday (8:30-5:00).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas H Tarcza can be reached on 703-306-4171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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